

## **Appropriations Request**

**Project Title:** Homeownership Infrastructure  
**Submitted By:** The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
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**Project Location:** SW Yamhill County on highway 22

**The Grand Ronde Tribes:** The Grand Ronde Tribe is a sovereign American Indian Government that provides governmental services to Grand Ronde tribal members. The Grand Ronde Reservation is comprised mainly of 10,052 acres of forest lands located in a rural community approximately 40 Miles west of Salem, Oregon.

**Homeownership Infrastructure:** The Grand Ronde Tribe desires to subdivide a parcel of Trust property into ½ acre lots and provide access and infrastructure that would allow tribal members to build their own homes on the lots.

**Prior Federal Appropriations for this Project:** No prior appropriations.

**Federal Agency and Account for Funding Request:**  
Housing and Urban Development, Economic Develop Initiative Grant

**Purpose:** The Tribe has aggressively pursued providing housing opportunities for our tribal members. Up to this point, that effort has mainly been focused on providing rental housing for low income families and tribal Elders.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority has constructed an Elder's housing community including a foster care facility. Nearly fifty tribal Elders live there. The housing authority has also constructed 108 affordable housing and market rate rentals homes in the community.

There is a significant shortage of affordable family housing in Grand Ronde for families with moderate income. In response, Grand Ronde is proposing to develop a 20-acre parcel in the rural unincorporated township of Grand Ronde in Yamhill County, Oregon, for low-density residential home-ownership. It is anticipated that the parcel would be partitioned to create thirty-three lots. The Tribe will develop the infrastructure such that home sites are pad-ready (ready for construction) for homes. Individual home sites would be leased to Tribal members and managed through the Tribe's housing authority. The parcel is well positioned geographically to allow for extension of existing infrastructure such that the development can be affordable to Tribal members with moderate incomes. The parcel is held in trust for the Tribe. The HUD Section 184 Loan

Guarantee Program was specifically designed to allow Tribal members to participate in a unique mortgage program on Tribal trust land.

The addition of 33 middle-income families is good for our local community. It will not significantly affect housing density, and it would infuse local businesses with an increased demand for goods and services which is a positive when considering our challenging economy.

This project would also provide over ten months of construction jobs in the community, and ultimately spill over into future years when actual housing construction would begin.

**Requesting Funds from other Members of Congress:** The Tribe is submitting appropriations requests to Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, Representative David Wu, and Representative Kurt Schrader.

**Funding Details:**

- Total project cost is approximately \$2.8 million.
- Amount requested for the project in FY 2010 is \$1,000,000.00.
- The Tribe is actively pursuing other sources of funding but would ultimately assume the unfunded portion of the project.
- The Tribe is not planning to seek additional federal appropriations money for the project.
- Budget would allow sufficient funding to execute the design in 2009, site preparation and infrastructure in 2010.
- The project is scaleable, and funding will be spread out over the next two years.